

**DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2003
12:30 P.M.**

Pursuant to the proper notification, the Durham City Council held a special meeting on the above date and time in the Committee Room with the following members present: Mayor Bell, Mayor Pro Tempore Cheek and Council Members Best, Clement, Cole-McFadden, Edwards and Stith. Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Marcia L. Conner, City Attorney Henry Blinder, City Clerk D. Ann Gray and Deputy City Clerk Linda Bratcher.

Mayor Bell called the special meeting to order.

**SUBJECT: TRIANGLE REGION TRANSIT CONSOLIDATION/
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

Transportation Manager Mark Ahrendsen made introductory comments on this item.

Sanford Cross of TJCOG and Scott Baker of AECOM CONSULT, Inc., gave a Power Point presentation on the Triangle Region Transit Consolidation/Implementation Plan highlighting the following: [handout provided]

- 1) Consolidation Overview
 - Consolidation
 - Plan Development
 - Timeline
 - Funding & Governance,
 - Vision, Mission & Goals; NCSU Relationship to Regional System
 - Financial Impacts
 - Coordination Impacts
- 2) Durham-Specific Consolidation Actions
 - City of Durham Actions: Stages I: Phases 1, 2 & 3 and Stage II
- 3) Pre-Consolidation Actions
 - Flowchart
 - Detailed MOA Development
 - Detailed Cost Allocation Development
 - One-Time Costs of Consolidation
 - Proposed Timeline
 - Human Resources Work Group
 - Contracts Working Group
 - Finance Working Group
 - Information Technology Work Group
- 4) Next Steps

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Council Member Stith made comments on the costs, dedicated funding source and level of service.

Sanford Cross noted until the number of systems is determined, it is difficult to know if there will be some cost savings or increase.

Council Member Cole-McFadden asked the administration if there were concerns raised by employees, who will be responsible for the fair hiring process for key positions and commented on the issue of training.

City Manager Conner noted issues raised by DATA Board and staff were: 1) to make sure as the consolidation moves forward employees from DATA get the same opportunity to participate in the restructuring and the ability to compete for positions; and 2) that the name be changed to the Triangle Regional Transit or TRT versus TTA so there's not a perception of a takeover, but a merger or consolidation.

Sanford Cross noted the Human Resources Department within the regional system would be responsible for the hiring process.

Council Member Cole-McFadden requested the administration to make sure employees are protected.

Council Member Clement expressed a concern with the composition of Regional System Board and the sensitivity of the governance of this system to local needs.

Mayor Bell noted the Regional System Board is the TTA Board, as it presently exists. Also, he made comments in support of this proposal.

Council Member Clement noted bus riders should have input as to how this regional system is structured, governed, funded and implemented.

City Manager Conner noted she would be asking Council to accept the report and to authorize the City Manager to negotiate a memorandum of understanding outlining issues raised.

Council Member Clement noted he would like to see something more definitive before supporting proposal.

Mayor Pro Tempore Cheek spoke in support of moving ahead with the concept.

Patrick Byker, Chair of DATA Board, noted local concerns and the protection of employees are very important to the Board. He made comments about a having a dedicated funding source and study underway to look at the issue of consolidation.

Council Member Stith raised a concern with the motion as printed on the agenda noting he would like to see more information on the service, dedicated funding source and level of service before moving forward with the consolidation concept.

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City Manager Conner made comments about the process being similar to adopting a development agreement. She noted she would like for Council to accept the report and to put together a team to review issues of staffing, financing concepts, etc. with the administration reporting back to Council with a presentation.

Chris Tiffany provided a handout commenting on the potential changes in the DATA fare structure.

Mayor Bell announced that the bus fare issue will be discussed at the October 9, 2003 City Council Work Session.

Lillie Lyons asked when would the consolidation proposal be presented to Wake and Orange Counties. Also, she made comments about public input and what would be the fare if systems were consolidated.

Sanford Cross noted there will be a meeting in Cary on October 16 and will inform the City when meetings have been scheduled for Raleigh and Chapel Hill.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tempore Cheek seconded by Council Member Cole-McFadden to adopt the Resolution Regarding the Triangle Region Transit Consolidation/Implementation Plan (the Plan) that acknowledges receipt of the Plan that, among other things, supports the concept of phased consolidation of transit in the Triangle region; and

To authorize the City Manager to negotiate a Memorandum of Agreement for consolidation **FAILED** at 2:15 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Bell, Mayor Pro Tempore Cheek and Council Member Cole-McFadden. Noes: Council Members Clement and Stith. Absent at time of Vote: Council Members Best and Edwards.

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF THE FY 2002-2003 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER)

Housing Director Charlene Montford noted the public hearing has been continued from the September 15, 2003 City Council Meeting. Also, she discussed handouts provided reflecting actual expenditures of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds during FY 2002-03 and projected expenditures of CDBG and HOME funds during the current fiscal year and rehab projects for FY 2003-04.

Mayor Pro Tempore Cheek asked the administration to spend HOME and CDBG funds during the 1st quarter as well as the last three quarters of the fiscal year.

Council Member Clement requested the administration to expand the report to include goals.

City Manager Conner made comments on the CDBG funding and noted at the October 9, 2003 City Council Work Session there will be an item on the agenda concerning the business plan for development projects.

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Council Member Cole-McFadden requested the administration to come back with a status report on Birchwood Heights and Mr. Brooks.

Council Member Best asked the administration to come back with a future agenda item to address the issue why bids [Items 19 (123 Masondale Avenue) & 21 (1305 N. Hyde Park Avenue)] initially awarded to RGO Enterprises were pulled and then awarded to Hairston Enterprise. [See handout provided – Rehab Projects List]

As this was the time and place set for the public hearing, anyone interested was given the opportunity to be heard.

Fred Foster, Jr. noted housing is a community problem, raised a concern that monies were not expended and requested that the report reflect that there is homelessness in Durham County.

MOTION by Council Member Clement seconded by Council Member Stith to receive public comments; and

To adopt the FY 2002-2003 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for submission to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) prior to the September 28, 2003 deadline was approved at 2:45 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Bell, Mayor Pro Tempore Cheek and Council Members Best, Clement, Cole-McFadden, Edwards and Stith. Noes: None. Absent: None.

[ITEM ADDED TO ADENDA]

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION HONORING BILL EVERS AND THE DURHAM BULLS

MOTION by Council Member Clement seconded by Council Member Edwards to adopt a Resolution Honoring Bill Evers and the Durham Bulls was approved at 2:50 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Bell, Mayor Pro Tempore Cheek and Council Members Best, Clement, Cole-McFadden, Edwards and Stith. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Resolution #9042

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the special meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Linda E. Bratcher
Deputy City Clerk

D. Ann Gray, CMC
City Clerk